

MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Monday, August 11, 2014
City Hall, Room 210
4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Roger Retzlaff, Vice Chairperson Jacqueline Frank, Jeanine Mead, Dave Boyce, Susan Ley

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Chris Naumann, Ald. Mark Steuer

The meeting was called to order by Roger Retzlaff at 4:00 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

- a. Approve July 14, 2014 Minutes

Motion made by Jeanine Mead to approve the July 14, 2014 Minutes, seconded by Dave Boyce. All in favor. Motion carried.

- b. Modify and adopt agenda

Roger indicated that item 3(a) will be postponed.

Motion made by Jacqueline Frank to approve the modified agenda, seconded by Jeanine Mead. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. DESIGN REVIEWS

- a. Review and discuss renovations at 702 S. Monroe Avenue

This item was postponed from last month, due to no representative appearing. No representative appeared again this month. This is a window replacement project.

Motion made by Jeanine Mead to again postpone this item, seconded by Dave Boyce. All in favor. Motion carried.

Note: The inspection department should contact the owner to find out if they intend to go ahead with the project. If so, they will need to appear and provide substantive documentation.

- b. Review and discuss renovations at 633 Porlier Street

Cheryl Renier-Wigg from the City's Community Services Agency appeared on behalf of this property. This was a non-summary nuisance abatement issue and the City had the

roof replaced. The goal is to prevent further loss of structures that were in place when the city authorized the historic district. The cost will be added on the property's tax roll. Cheryl provided pictures of the property and indicated the City is maintaining the lawn. Cheryl is not aware of any further action regarding a foreclosure. It is probably still in the six month redemption period.

Motion to approve the renovations at 633 Porlier Street was made by Jacqueline Frank, seconded by Jeanine Mead. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. **REPORTS**

- a. La Baye Early Historical Information E-Archive – Lynn Austin, Cathy Williquette Lindsay, Muriel Austin

This item is postponed.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

5. **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

- a. 2014 Awards – recap and discussion

Roger will order the plaque for the Jefferson Street awards recipient.

Dave Boyce suggested having an awards plaque on display in City Hall to generate interest in preserving historic properties. He will draft a proposal to submit to the Planning Department.

Jeanine Mead suggested discussing the awards presentations in December instead of January.

Note: Susan Ley now arrived at the meeting.

- b. Archeological value at Fort Howard site on Larsen Green
 - i. Discussion
 - ii. Resolution with respect to advising action by Common Council

Motion made by Jeanine Mead to open the floor for discussion, seconded by Susan Ley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jim O'Rourke, 2339 Oakwood Avenue, stated that his friend, Geoff Gialdini, has done a lot of research on this property. In addition to the documented buildings located within the stockade, there are buildings outside the stockade (the old Fort Howard Hospital site and the surgeon's quarters). The Fort Howard site would be adjacent and south of the quonset

hut. The hospital and surgeon's quarters are very significant and have some of the best stories in Wisconsin.

A one or two year archeological dig would be a good way for the City to showcase this site. If the City moves forward with obtaining Certified Local Government status, it could designate this as an historic site and obtain grant funding.

Laural Waters, 2619 E. Glacier Drive, stated the Neville Museum has a staff member experienced with ground penetrating radar. The Brown County Historical Society would be willing to help fund it.

Roger would like all local historical groups to work together on a proposal and recommended sources of funding. Historical preservation community organizations should bring options for identification and recognition of historic places to the HPC for review. These should include funding plans. The HPC should then assess which to recommend to the Common Council for funding and implementation.

Laural stated she is working with others on developing a site plan to have some type of cultural center and green space on the site. They are applying to the National Endowment for the Arts and other organizations to help with funding. Laural is also contacting the Tribes for input as there is a big pre-fort tribal component to this land. Laural stated someone at the National Parks Service indicated that unless there is a standing structure on the site, the Parks Service will not acknowledge it.

Roger stated the issues are: (1) is there anything recoverable on the site, and (2) is there some way to document the early history of Green Bay at the site.

Jim O'Rourke feels that if it is presented to the National Parks Service as a historic site instead of a structure, they will get more results. Dave Boyce suggested having a movable structure on the site showing its history.

Jacqueline Frank stated the Federation of History Museums has been discussing this project the past few months. Because the Neville Museum is run by Brown County, there are some political aspects between the city and the county that will have to be looked at before anything goes forward. There is interest, but the political aspects will need to be set aside.

Laural pointed out that storm water is going to be an issue with this land and it would be nice if the shoreline could be recreated.

Motion made by Jeanine Mead to return to agenda business, seconded by Dave Boyce. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Elect Chairperson

Roger spoke with Ald. Steuer who indicated he is willing to be nominated.

Jeanine moved to nominate Ald. Steuer as chairperson, seconded by Susan Ley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made to accept Ald. Steuer as chairperson made by Dave Boyce, seconded by Jacqueline Frank. All in favor. Motion carried.

Note: Because Roger Retzlaff decided to step aside as chairperson, this special election was held. Jacqueline Frank will remain Vice Chairperson.

b. Review July building activity report

A motion to receive and place on file the July building report was made by Jeanine Mead, seconded by Jacqueline Frank. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Review City Raze/Repair Orders and Demolitions

Reviewed two raze orders regarding garages.

7. OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS

Jeanine brought photos showing the first downtown post office on the northeast corner of Adams and Cherry Streets.

Jim O'Rourke stated that if the City does not want to move ahead with CLG status right away, since the Village of Allouez is a CLG organization, they could work together. Under the CLG grants from the National Parks Service, reconnaissance funds are available for historic sites. Allouez recently funded one in another location which was similar to what the City is asking for. There is \$25,000 available. Allouez wasn't going to apply for funds this year, so there is an open slot.

Jacqueline stated the National Railroad Museum just opened their Eisenhower exhibit. It was a nice restoration.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE: September 8, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeanine Mead, seconded by Dave Boyce. All in favor. Motion carried.